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anything on the bill, so I would like to say that...say thank you to Senator McDonald for pursuing this, this year, and say that I think that it really cures two problems. And one is the problem of having ballots come in after election day, which in Douglas County this past election got to be a real...a bad situation where the parties involved in the election were actually out recruiting votes to take place after election day. I might tell you that the original statutory language was put in to have it come in two days after election day because of consideration for rural areas and sometimes slower service in rural areas. But I don't think that anywhere in the state you always know for sure how long it's going to take for mail to get somewhere, so putting in that election day deadline puts us all on notice that we better mail our absentee ballots in soon enough to get them in by election day. And then the other provision regarding LB 935 has to do with absentee ballots being allowed to be opened and set aside for counting earlier in the election. And I think this is a very good provision. It will allow election commissioners and county clerks a little bit more time to deal with things that they need to deal with on election So these were two recommendations from the election task force and I think it's a good bill and I encourage your advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President and members of the body, Mr. Speaker, I don't know who...whether to ask Senator McDonald and/or Senator Schimek, both, the answers to these questions because you just mentioned it, Senator Schimek, particularly, about when these ballots...I'll guarantee you that there's going to be some mail late and the election commissioners are going to have to make a decision whether to accept those ballots or not. And I want to reiterate that, based on this, we are saying if it's not there on, in this case, May 14 this year, it will not be accepted as a vote because it's not the postmark. correct? Well, anyway we're running into these problems all the I've noticed mail takes three...it's three to five days later in many cases than when it used to be, the important things in life, checks and things like that. So I just wanted to confirm that that's the way the intent of this bill is that